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NOTIFICATION

The 20th June, 2023

No. 12-PLA-2023/37.- The Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 2023 is hereby published for general information under the proviso to rule 121 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha (Punjab Legislative Assembly):-

BILL NO. 12-PLA-2023

THE SIKH GURDWARAS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

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further to amend the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Punjab in the Seventy-fourth year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Act, 2023. Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force on and with effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Sikh Gurdwaras Act, 1925, after section 125, the following section shall be inserted, namely:- Insertion of new section 125-A in Punjab Act VIII of 1925.

(2017)

"125-A. (1) It shall be the duty of the Board to propagate the teachings of the Gurus by making uninterrupted Live telecast of Holy Gurbani free of cost. (without any on screen running advertisements or commercials or distortion) live feed (Audio or Audio as well as Video) of Holy Gurbani from Sri Harmandir Sahib available free of cost to all media houses, outlets, platforms, channels etc., whoever wishes to broadcast it for broadcast anywhere (including all over the world).

(2) Anyone broadcasting Holy Gurbani from Sri Harmandir Sahib shall not run any advertisement at least thirty minutes prior to start of broadcast of Gurbani and thirty minutes after the broadcast of Gurbani is over.

Explanation.- The provisions of this section shall be applicable to broadcast of Holy Gurbani from Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar which is situated within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Punjab."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Shri Guru Granth Sahib contains the Bani of Sikh Gurus and Saints. It is highly desirable that teaching of the Gurus be propagated worldwide. Therefore, it is imperative that Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) should make Gurbani available free of cost to entire humanity and to ensure that the spread of Gurbani is not commercialized in any manner.

BHAGWANT MANN
Chief Minister, Punjab

CHANDIGARH :
THE 20th JUNE, 2023

RAM LOK KHATANA ,
SECRETARY.